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FmHA AN No. 2097 (1956)

May 29, 1990

SUBJECT: Efforts to Locate Disappeared Debtors
FmHA Instruction 1956-B

TO: State Directors, District Directors and County
Supervisors

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

The purpose of this Administrative Notice (AN) is to emphasize that Farmers Home Administration's (FmHA) employees must make more diligent efforts to locate "disappeared debtors" before writing off debts or postponing other actions. The intent of this AN is to correct the weakness noted by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

No previous AN has been issued on this subject.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

During a recent survey, OIG was able to find current addresses of several disappeared borrowers that FmHA has been unable to locate. The OIG obtained the current addresses of the borrowers through the use of the credit bureau, utility company, motor vehicle authority and post office records. These contacts are included, along with several others in FmHA Instructions 1956-B, Section 1956.70(b)(2). We emphasize that it is important that field office staffs use all sources specified in the regulations to locate disappeared debtors. Significant amounts of debt are being written off including that of disappeared debtors.

EXPIRATION DATE: April 30, 1991

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:
Preceding FmHA
Instruction 1956-B



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State Office staffs should issue a checklist to field offices with appropriate addresses for contacts that may not be known to County Office staffs, and to document the process of checking the contacts listed in the regulation. Farmers Home Administration may be able to reduce losses to the Government by increasing its efforts to locate disappeared debtors.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "La Verne Ausman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "La Verne" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Ausman".

LA VERNE AUSMAN
Administrator

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